

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the present abstract of the disclosure with the following amended abstract of the disclosure:**

The present invention relates to a pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface, which has a structure that a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, a cured urethane (meth)acrylate layer, a hard coat layer and optionally a ~~protect~~ protective film are laminated in order, and a method for producing said sheet, which comprises applying a urethane(meth)acrylate on the surface of a releasing agent layer of a plastic film having the releasing agent layer, followed by curing, to form a cured urethane(meth)acrylate layer, applying a hard coat agent on the surface of the cured urethane(meth)acrylate layer, followed by curing, to form a hard coat layer, laminating a process film on the surface of the hard coat layer, and then peeling the above plastic film having a releasing agent layer, and subsequently forming a pressure sensitive adhesive layer on the exposed surface of the cured urethane(meth)acrylate layer. ~~The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface of the present invention can give excellent scratch resistance, water resistance and chemical resistance to the surface of image papers such as a photograph output by a printer and a display, can be reduced in distortion, and can achieve an improved definition of an image and the reduction of the thickness of the pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface.~~